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Australian Broadcasting Corporation

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Topic: Regional ABC

Senator Ruston, Anne asked:

CHAIR: How many hours of actual local content do the stations that we are talking about produce as opposed to state-wide—

Mr Scott: I would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

Based on the regular schedule, the local output of each station varies from approximately 19.75 hours per week in Kalgoorlie (Monday through to Sunday inclusive) to 39.2 hours per week (Monday to Sunday inclusive) in Cairns. This variation is based on the size of the individual market and the community being served.

Not included in these figures are programs such as the *Country Hour* and Statewide Drive programs, which may also carry content and stories relating to local issues.

In addition to the content produced locally in these regions, the programming stream will carry each station's 24 hour schedule which includes statewide and national content, ensuring audiences receive the full program offer.